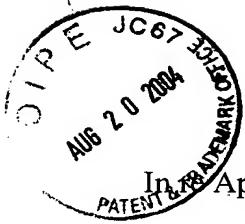


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Attached to a Plastic Package ) )

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 20, 2004, please enter the following Amendments and Remarks into the file of this application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the complete listing of all claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.